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**VONNEGUT DOCUMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS AUTHOR'S INDY UPBRINGING**

*Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library and WFYI host a free viewing of a WFYI 2016 documentary, and local artists discuss Vonnegut's influence on their work.*

**Indianapolis, IN:** The Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library (KVML) partners with WFYI to host a free viewing of the 2016 documentary, *A Writer's Roots: Kurt Vonnegut's Indianapolis*, on Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 6 to 8:30 pm in the WFYI Reuben Community Room, 1630 N. Meridian Street. Following the 58-minute film, Vonnegut muralist Pamela Bliss and Nelson Price, a local writer, historian, and host of Hoosier History Live on WICR, and will lead a 45-minute discussion about Vonnegut and how one artist's work can influence the work of other artists.

"We are especially excited to include WFYI, Nelson Price, and Pamela Bliss in our programming this year," says Julia Whitehead, CEO and Founder of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library. "WFYI and Kevin Finch created a well-researched documentary that gives guests great insight into the life and influence of Kurt Vonnegut. Vonnegut and his family are important to our state's history, and his written work, his ideas, and his advocacy for so many important issues have had a profound effect directly or indirectly on so many. We are grateful to WFYI for bringing such insight into Kurt's life and sharing it with viewers here and around the world."

The program is the third in a series of special events during this year's 2017 Year of Vonnegut. The Year of Vonnegut is a joint partnership between KVML, the City of Indianapolis, and Visit Indy. Mayor Joe Hogsett believed it important to celebrate Indianapolis's native son ten years after the First Year of Vonnegut in 2007 and a decade after Vonnegut's death with a theme of "A Little More Common Decency." KVML hosted a Year of Vonnegut Kick-Off Party in January and a *Slaughterhouse-Five* Day commemoration in February. Each month, the library will partner with organizations around the city, including WFYI, to continue the celebration of Vonnegut and his desire to see common decency spread throughout the world.

"WFYI Public Media is proud to have a long-term partnership with the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library," says WFYI President and CEO Lloyd Wright. "The documentary, *A Writer's Roots: Kurt Vonnegut's Indianapolis*, was meant to create greater awareness of Vonnegut's many writings and the critical work being done by the KVML to preserve his legacy, his close ties to Indianapolis and Shortridge High School, and to our Hoosier culture. Our mission 'to inspire the best in our community by telling stories and connecting people' will be most evident at this gathering in the WFYI Reuben Community Room."

The Vonnegut documentary event is free, but seating is limited, and guests are asked to RSVP online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-vonnegut-tickets-31718302296>. Parking is available in the lot behind WFYI. To reach the lot from 16<sup>th</sup> street, turn north into the alley with the Sesame Street sign. For more information about the documentary or any of the Year of Vonnegut events, including the upcoming KVML Night of Vonnegut Gala on April 8, 2017, go to [www.vonnegutlibrary.org/events](http://www.vonnegutlibrary.org/events).

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The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library champions the legacy of Hoosier author Kurt Vonnegut and the principles of free expression, common decency, and peaceful coexistence he advocated. [www.vonnegutlibrary.org](http://www.vonnegutlibrary.org).

